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Employment Review

May 1986

EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO INCREASE

Total nonagricultural employment continued to grow in May, adding 21,400 jobs. Gains occured in many of the state's industrial sectors.

* Trade experienced the greatest monthly gain, adding more than 11,000 jobs over the month

* the largest industrial sector, Services, grew by 5,300 jobs despite seasonal declines in education

* the Construction industry continued its strong performance with 4,300 new jobs added over the month

* the manufacturing sector continued to decline, registering a drop of 3,700 in employment from April

Compared to year ago levels total employment has risen by more than 50,000 jobs.

* the largest over the year gain has been in Services, an industry sector that continues to play a major role in the state's economy. Employment in this sector is up over 30,000 jobs from year ago levels

* the Trade industries have shown the second greatest growth over the year, up some 23,000 jobs from May 1985 levels

NEW WAGE PUBLICATION

The Economic Research and Analysis Department is pleased to announce its latest publication: Selected Occupational Wages in Manufacturing Industries Volume I - Massachusetts.

This report provides comprehensive wage data for 81 occupations in the manufacturing sector, as well as information on the nature of the work and training requirements for each occupation.

The wage survey program was initiated in the Commonwealth in response to the considerable demand for detailed occupational wage information. Employers, counselors, students and job seekers can:

* compare wages for 81 occupations

* track the impact of job experience on wage levels

* advise individuals in making informed career choices

* assist the unemployed in selecting employment

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2987.4	2966.0	2936.6	21.4	0.7	50.8	1.7
Manufacturing	640.7	644.4	664.4	-3.7	-0.6	-23.7	-3.6
Durable Goods	432.9	434.9	449.5	-2.0	-0.5	-16.6	-3.7
Lumber & Furniture	11.2	11.4	12.7	-0.2	-1.8	-1.5	-11.8
Stone,Clay & Glass	11.3	11.1	11.6	0.2	1.8	-0.3	-2.6
Primary Metals	16.1	16.0	15.9	0.1	0.6	0.2	1.3
Fabricated Metals	46.8	47.0	46.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	0.6
Cutlery,Hand tools,Hardware	9.6	9.7	9.4	-0.1	-1.0	0.2	2.1
Machinery, except electrical	109.1	109.6	114.0	-0.5	-0.5	-4.9	-4.3
Metalworking machinery	14.2	14.3	14.6	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-2.7
Special industry machinery	14.8	14.8	15.1	0.0	****	-0.3	-2.0
* Office Computing, & Accounting Machines	54.4	54.7	58.5	-0.3	-0.5	-4.1	-7.0
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	127.6	128.0	128.8	-0.4	-0.3	-1.2	-0.9
Communications equipment	46.6	46.7	43.9	-0.1	-0.2	2.7	6.2
Electronic components	56.3	56.6	60.1	-0.3	-0.5	-3.8	-6.3
Transportation equipment	37.4	38.3	41.1	-0.9	-2.3	-3.7	-9.0
Instruments	55.1	55.4	58.7	-0.3	-0.5	-3.6	-6.1
Measuring & Control devices	21.4	21.3	23.5	0.1	0.5	-2.1	-8.9
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	18.3	18.1	20.2	0.2	1.1	-1.9	-9.4
Jewelry	6.9	6.9	8.1	0.0	****	-1.2	-14.8
Nondurable Goods	207.8	209.5	214.9	-1.7	-0.8	-7.1	-3.3
Food & kindred products	22.9	22.9	23.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-0.9
Textile mill products	18.3	18.7	19.3	-0.4	-2.1	-1.0	-5.2
Apparel	29.9	30.9	33.1	-1.0	-3.2	-3.2	-9.7
Mens & Boys suits,coats & furnishings	7.4	7.6	8.4	-0.2	-2.6	-1.0	-11.9
Paper & allied products	25.5	25.5	25.9	0.0	****	-0.4	-1.5
Printing & Publishing	52.4	52.4	52.3	0.0	****	0.1	0.2
Chemicals	17.4	17.5	17.8	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-2.2
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	28.3	28.5	28.9	-0.2	-0.7	-0.6	-2.1
Miscellaneous Plastic products	20.9	21.1	21.3	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4	-1.9
Leather & Leather products	11.5	11.6	12.9	0.0	****	-1.3	-10.1
Footwear, except rubber	6.3	6.3	6.9	0.0	****	-0.6	-8.7
Mining	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	7.7	0.1	7.7
Construction	116.2	111.9	109.2	4.3	3.8	7.0	6.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	128.3	127.4	126.3	0.9	0.7	2.0	1.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	701.8	690.2	678.3	11.6	1.7	23.5	3.5
Wholesale Trade	155.5	154.9	150.6	0.6	0.4	4.9	3.3
Retail Trade	546.3	535.3	527.7	11.0	2.1	18.6	3.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	197.1	195.3	185.6	1.8	0.9	11.5	6.2
Banking	61.3	60.8	56.2	0.5	0.8	5.1	9.1
Services	816.3	811.0	785.7	5.3	0.7	30.6	3.9
Health Services	239.4	238.8	236.6	0.6	0.3	2.8	1.2
Educational Services	117.7	120.2	114.1	-2.5	-2.1	3.6	3.2
Government	385.6	384.5	385.8	1.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Federal	59.9	60.3	58.2	-0.4	-0.7	1.7	2.9
U.S. Postal Service	24.1	23.9	22.8	0.2	0.8	1.3	5.7
State	98.6	98.9	97.2	-0.3	-0.3	1.4	1.4
Educational services	29.3	30.0	28.7	-0.7	-2.3	0.6	2.1
Local	227.1	225.3	230.4	1.8	0.8	-3.3	-1.4
Educational services	128.1	127.6	130.9	0.5	0.4	-2.8	-2.1
Other Local	99.0	97.7	99.5	1.3	1.3	-0.5	-0.5
* High Technology Manufacturing	261.6	262.6	269.3	-1.0	-0.4	-7.7	-2.9
* High Technology Nonmanufacturing	78.5	78.3	73.8	0.2	0.3	4.7	6.4

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* Not Currently Validated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1690.4	1679.7	1648.5	10.7	0.6	41.9	2.5
Manufacturing	309.7	310.9	320.0	-1.2	-0.4	-10.3	-3.2
Durable Goods	226.2	227.3	234.6	-1.1	-0.5	-8.4	-3.6
Primary Metals	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.0	****	-0.2	-5.3
Fabricated Metals	17.7	17.8	17.8	-0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.6
Machinery, except electrical	48.2	48.2	50.4	0.0	****	-2.2	-4.4
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	78.8	79.3	78.8	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	****
Transportation equipment	24.0	24.5	27.6	-0.5	-2.0	-3.6	-13.0
Instruments	42.4	42.5	44.2	-0.1	-0.2	-1.8	-4.1
Nondurable Goods	83.5	83.6	85.4	-0.1	-0.1	-1.9	-2.2
Food & kindred products	11.3	11.4	12.4	-0.1	-0.9	-1.1	-8.9
Textile mill products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	****	0.0	****
Apparel	8.3	8.2	8.9	0.1	1.2	-0.6	-6.7
Paper & allied products	7.8	7.6	8.0	0.2	2.6	-0.2	-2.5
Printing & Publishing	32.8	32.9	32.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	2.2
Chemicals	8.5	8.6	8.4	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	1.2
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	8.5	8.7	8.7	-0.2	-2.3	-0.2	-2.3
Leather & Leather products	2.7	2.7	3.1	0.0	****	-0.4	-12.9
Mining	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.1	14.3	0.2	33.3
Construction	63.1	60.2	56.9	2.9	4.8	6.2	10.9
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	76.7	75.9	74.6	0.8	1.1	2.1	2.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	376.1	372.3	364.1	3.8	1.0	12.0	3.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	135.0	133.6	127.1	1.4	1.0	7.9	6.2
Banking	39.6	39.0	36.5	0.6	1.5	3.1	8.5
Insurance	37.4	37.3	36.8	0.1	0.3	0.6	1.6
Services	531.9	530.0	511.2	1.9	0.4	20.7	4.0
Health Services	136.2	135.9	134.6	0.3	0.2	1.6	1.2
Educational Services	89.5	90.9	86.3	-1.4	-1.5	3.2	3.7
Government	197.1	196.1	194.0	1.0	0.5	3.1	1.6
Federal	37.0	37.0	36.5	0.0	****	0.5	1.4
U.S. Postal Service	13.7	13.6	12.9	0.1	0.7	0.8	6.2
Federal Hospitals	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.0	****	0.1	2.1
State	46.8	46.9	46.7	-0.1	-0	0.1	0.2
State Hospitals	4.9	4.8	4.6	0.1	2.1	0.3	6.5
Educational services	8.2	8.6	8.4	-0.4	-4.7	-0.2	-2.4
Local	113.3	112.2	110.8	1.1	1.0	2.5	2.3

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	229.8	228.1	226.9	1.7	0.7	2.9	1.3
Manufacturing	52.5	52.5	54.0	0.0	****	-1.5	-2.8
Durable Goods	27.1	27.1	27.8	0.0	****	-0.7	-2.5
Fabricated Metals	7.3	7.3	7.3	0.0	****	0.0	****
Machinery, except electrical	6.9	7.0	7.2	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	-4.2
Nondurable Goods	25.4	25.4	26.2	0.0	****	-0.8	-3.1
Textile mill products	1.5	1.3	1.6	0.2	15.4	-0.1	-6.3
Apparel	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	****	0.0	****
Paper & allied products	7.2	7.3	7.5	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	-4.0
Printing & Publishing	5.5	5.6	5.5	-0.1	-1.8	0.0	****
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	8.6	8.1	7.5	0.5	6.2	1.1	14.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.7	8.6	8.7	0.1	1.2	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	53.2	52.3	52.2	0.9	1.7	1.0	1.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	15.1	14.8	14.3	0.3	2.0	0.8	5.6
Services	54.4	54.7	52.9	-0.3	-0.5	1.5	2.8
Government	37.2	37.0	37.2	0.2	0.5	0.0	****
Federal	5.9	5.9	5.7	0.0	****	0.2	3.5
State	8.0	8.1	7.9	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	1.3
Local	23.3	23.0	23.6	0.3	1.3	-0.3	-1.3
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	188.4	186.9	183.0	1.5	0.8	5.4	3.0
Manufacturing	44.5	44.6	47.0	-0.1	-0.2	-2.5	-5.3
Durable Goods	30.3	30.2	31.9	0.1	0.3	-1.6	-5.0
Primary Metals	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Fabricated Metals	8.3	8.5	8.6	-0.2	-2.4	-0.3	-3.5
Machinery, except electrical	9.9	9.6	10.4	0.3	3.1	-0.5	-4.8
Nondurable Goods	14.2	14.4	15.1	-0.2	-1.4	-0.9	-6.0
Textile mill products	2.9	2.9	3.5	0.0	****	-0.6	-17.1
Leather & Leather products	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	****	-0.2	-22.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	8.9	8.3	7.4	0.6	7.2	1.5	20.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	8.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.4
Wholesale & Retail trade	45.7	45.1	43.4	0.6	1.3	2.3	5.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	11.9	11.8	11.3	0.1	0.8	0.6	5.3
Services	45.2	44.9	42.8	0.3	0.7	2.4	5.6
Government	24.1	24.1	22.8	0.0	****	1.3	5.7

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	70.8	69.9	68.2	0.9	1.3	2.6	3.8
Manufacturing	11.4	11.3	12.0	0.1	0.9	-0.6	-5.0
Durable Goods	6.0	5.9	6.5	0.1	1.7	-0.5	-7.7
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.1	6.7	0.0	****
Nondurable Goods	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.8
Construction	4.1	3.7	3.0	0.4	10.8	1.1	36.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	4.7	4.7	4.8	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	20.7	20.6	19.9	0.1	0.5	0.8	4.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	****	0.1	3.4
Services	15.2	14.9	14.3	0.3	2.0	0.9	6.3
Government	11.7	11.7	11.3	0.0	****	0.4	3.5
Federal	2.8	2.8	2.7	0.0	****	0.1	3.7
State	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Local	6.7	6.7	6.4	0.0	****	0.3	4.7
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	163.7	163.2	157.5	0.5	0.3	6.2	3.9
Manufacturing	55.1	55.6	55.4	-0.5	-0.9	-0.3	-0.5
Durable Goods	40.7	41.1	40.8	-0.4	-1.0	-0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	14.4	14.5	14.6	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-1.4
Leather & Leather products	2.4	2.4	2.9	0.0	****	-0.5	-17.2
Construction	10.5	10.5	9.7	0.0	****	0.8	8.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.7	6.5	6.1	0.2	3.1	0.6	9.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	34.7	34.0	32.6	0.7	2.1	2.1	6.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.5	5.4	5.3	0.1	1.9	0.2	3.8
Services	31.8	31.5	29.8	0.3	1.0	2.0	6.7
Government	19.4	19.7	18.6	-0.3	-1.5	0.8	4.3

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	40.9	40.2	39.2	0.7	1.7	1.7	4.3
Manufacturing	13.4	13.4	13.5	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.7
Durable Goods	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-3.2
Machinery, except electrical	3.7	3.6	3.7	0.1	2.8	0.0	****
Nondurable Goods	7.4	7.4	7.3	0.0	****	0.1	1.4
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	3.6	3.6	3.6	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	2.5	2.2	2.0	0.3	13.6	0.5	25.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.7	1.7	1.6	0.0	****	0.1	6.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	9.6	9.4	9.1	0.2	2.1	0.5	5.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.0	****	0.1	7.1
Services	7.5	7.2	7.1	0.3	4.2	0.4	5.6
Government	4.7	4.8	4.5	-0.1	-2.1	0.2	4.4
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	107.1	106.9	104.1	0.2	0.2	3.0	2.9
Manufacturing	38.2	38.9	40.3	-0.7	-1.8	-2.1	-5.2
Construction	5.0	4.7	4.2	0.3	6.4	0.8	19.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.8	3.7	3.7	0.1	2.7	0.1	2.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	24.5	24.3	22.0	0.2	0.8	2.5	11.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.9	3.8	3.4	0.1	2.6	0.5	14.7
Services	18.1	17.9	17.4	0.2	1.1	0.7	4.0
Government	13.5	13.5	13.0	0.0	****	0.5	3.8
SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	108.2	106.7	104.8	1.5	1.4	3.4	3.2
Manufacturing	22.6	22.7	22.9	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3	-1.3
Durable Goods	15.9	15.9	16.0	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.6
Nondurable Goods	6.7	6.8	6.9	-0.1	-1.5	-0.2	-2.9
Construction	3.8	3.5	3.7	0.3	8.6	0.1	2.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.2	3.1	3.0	0.1	3.2	0.2	6.7
Wholesale & Retail trade	32.3	31.7	31.1	0.6	1.9	1.2	3.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.7	4.7	4.3	0.0	****	0.4	9.3
Services	26.0	25.5	24.4	0.5	2.0	1.6	6.6
Government	15.6	15.5	15.3	0.1	0.6	0.3	2.0

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				PRIOR MO.		YEAR AGO	
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	#	%	#	%
PITTSFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	41.5	40.7	40.4	0.8	2.0	1.1	2.7
Manufacturing	11.7	11.7	12.0	0.0	****	-0.3	-2.5
Machinery	7.9	8.0	8.1	-0.1	-1.3	-0.2	-2.5
Construction	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.1	5.9	0.1	5.9
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.1	11.1	0.1	11.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	11.3	11.0	10.3	0.3	2.7	1.0	9.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Services	8.6	8.4	8.6	0.2	2.4	0.0	****
Government	4.9	4.8	4.7	0.1	2.1	0.2	4.3
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	68.0	67.5	67.4	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.9
Manufacturing	22.7	22.8	23.9	-0.1	-0.4	-1.2	-5.0
Durable Goods	9.1	9.2	9.5	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4	-4.2
Primary & Fabricated Metals	3.0	3.1	3.1	-0.1	-3.2	-0.1	-3.2
Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	14.4	0.0	****	-0.8	-5.6
Apparel	6.8	6.7	7.4	0.1	1.5	-0.6	-8.1
Construction	2.4	2.1	2.4	0.2	9.1	0.0	****
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	16.1	15.8	15.2	0.3	1.9	0.9	5.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.0	2.9	2.4	0.1	3.4	0.6	25.0
Services	11.8	11.7	11.5	0.1	0.9	0.3	2.6
Government	9.5	9.6	9.4	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	1.1
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	54.4	54.1	54.6	0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.4
Manufacturing	17.7	18.0	18.6	-0.3	-1.7	-0.9	-4.8
Textile mill products	4.4	4.4	4.3	0.0	****	0.1	2.3
All other manufacturing	13.3	13.6	14.3	-0.3	-2.2	-1.0	-7.0
Construction	2.2	1.9	1.8	0.3	15.8	0.4	22.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.6	1.7	1.8	-0.1	-5.9	-0.2	-11.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	13.5	13.3	12.9	0.2	1.5	0.6	4.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	****	0.0	****
Services	10.1	10.0	10.1	0.1	1.0	0.0	****
Government	6.6	6.5	6.7	0.1	1.5	-0.1	-1.5

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

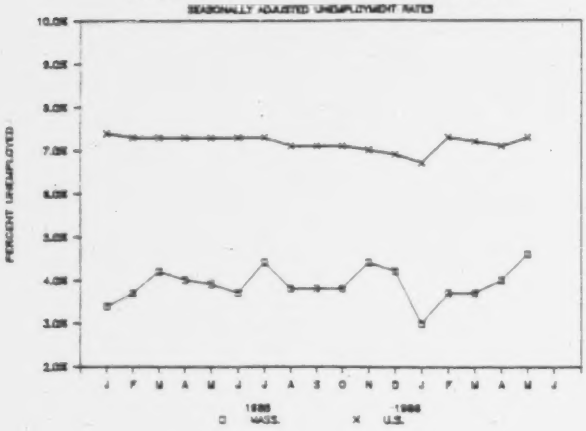
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY AREA
MANUFACTURING

AREA	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
UNITED STATES	40.6	40.5	40.3	$9.71	$9.70	$9.49
MASSACHUSETTS	41.0	41.2	40.2	9.21	9.18	8.97
BOSTON	40.5	40.5	40.4	10.08	10.08	9.56
SPRINGFIELD	42.2	42.4	41.5	8.93	8.97	8.75
WORCESTER	40.4	40.4	41.0	9.33	9.36	8.93

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY
MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
MANUFACTURING	41.0	41.2	40.2	$9.21	$9.18	$8.97
DURABLE GOODS	41.5	41.8	41.0	9.68	9.65	9.40
LUMBER & FURNITURE	39.1	39.0	38.3	6.77	6.74	6.93
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	41.8	40.9	41.9	11.48	11.26	10.85
PRIMARY METALS	43.3	43.2	41.5	9.08	8.97	8.33
FABRICATED METALS	41.1	41.6	41.4	9.32	9.41	9.32
CUTLERY, HAND TOOLS, HARDWARE	41.8	42.5	43.6	10.49	10.71	10.15
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	41.9	42.6	41.8	10.31	10.23	9.78
METALWORKING MACHINERY	41.3	41.7	42.1	10.85	10.71	10.37
SPECIAL INDUSTRY MACHINERY	43.4	43.2	43.0	11.19	11.27	10.39
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC MACH EQUIP	42.4	42.3	41.5	9.23	9.21	8.87
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	43.6	43.9	42.8	10.30	10.25	10.47
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	44.3	44.0	42.3	9.29	9.35	8.78
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	40.0	40.3	38.5	11.53	11.49	11.37
INSTRUMENTS	39.8	41.2	40.9	9.79	9.67	9.65
MEASURING & CONTROL DEVICES	41.7	42.7	41.7	7.78	7.76	7.59
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING IND	41.6	41.2	40.6	8.44	8.47	8.12
JEWELRY	42.6	41.8	39.7	7.49	7.46	7.61
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.2	40.3	38.7	8.41	8.37	8.22
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	43.2	42.8	41.4	9.40	9.41	9.42
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	41.7	42.0	41.8	7.82	7.76	7.58
APPAREL	39.0	39.1	34.0	6.13	6.12	6.13
MENS & BOYS SUITS, COATS & FURN	42.3	42.5	36.3	7.01	6.98	6.67
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	42.4	42.9	42.8	9.19	9.21	9.05
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	38.6	38.5	37.0	9.19	9.13	9.06
CHEMICALS	42.6	42.5	40.6	10.53	10.63	10.64
RUBBER & MISC. PLASTICS PRODUCTS	40.2	40.6	39.9	8.12	8.11	7.81
MISCELLANEOUS PLASTIC PRODUCTS	39.8	39.8	38.8	7.62	7.64	7.40
LEATHER & LEATHER PRODUCTS	34.8	34.6	36.6	6.89	6.86	6.41
FOOTWEAR, EXCEPT RUBBER	33.1	33.1	35.9	6.18	6.10	5.56

MASSACHUSETTS & UNITED STATES



SEASONAL INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Massachusetts rose to 4.6 percent in May from 4.0 percent in April. Nationally the rate went from 7.1 percent in April to 7.3 percent in May.

* part of the rise can be traced to the influx of summer job seekers
* May represented the 27th consecutive month that Massachusetts had the lowest unemployment rate of the eleven largest industrial states
* Massachusetts continues to fare better than the nation with the May rate a full 2.7 percentage points lower than the national rate

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the labor areas reflected the diverstiy of the state's regions.

* of the Commonwealth's 24 labor areas, 15 posted over the month declines, 7 showed increases, and 2 held steady
* many of the highly industrialized areas, such as Boston, Brockton, and Lawrence-Haverhill followed the statewide pattern of seasonal increases

Other developments in the unemployment situation across the Commonwealth include:

* Fall River's 6.8 percent unemployment rate was the highest of any labor area in the Commonwealth, but still below the 7.0 percent seasonally unadjusted rate for the nation.
* there were over the month declines in the unemployment rates for many of the areas in Western Massachusetts and on Cape Cod where there is a large volume of summer tourist business
* Lowell, Greenfield, and Athol were the only areas to record an unemployment rate drop from one year ago

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

	MAY 1986	APRIL 1986	MAY 1985
United States	7.3	7.1	7.3
Massachusetts	4.6	4.0	4.0
Labor Force	3065.0	3058.0	3081.0
Employed	2924.0	2935.0	2959.0
Unemployed	141.0	123.0	122.0

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	YEAR AGO
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
UNITED STATES			
LABOR FORCE	117,199,000	116,316,000	115,034,000
EMPLOYMENT	109,041,000	108,201,000	106,880,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	8,158,000	8,115,000	8,154,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.0	7.0	7.1
MASSACHUSETTS			
LABOR FORCE	3,046,800	3,035,600	3,062,400
EMPLOYMENT	2,925,100	2,919,300	2,957,400
UNEMPLOYMENT	121,700	116,300	105,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.0	3.8	3.4
MAJOR LABOR AREAS			
BOSTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	1,516,270	1,508,420	1,513,720
EMPLOYMENT	1,461,580	1,459,170	1,468,720
UNEMPLOYMENT	54,690	49,250	45,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	3.3	3.0
BROCKTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	95,470	94,080	95,260
EMPLOYMENT	90,830	90,130	91,750
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,640	3,950	3,510
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.9	4.2	3.7
FALL RIVER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	75,200	75,450	76,650
EMPLOYMENT	70,100	70,570	72,540
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,090	4,880	4,110
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.8	6.5	5.4
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	47,210	47,680	46,080
EMPLOYMENT	45,060	45,650	44,220
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,160	2,030	1,860
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.6	4.3	4.0
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	186,600	188,650	183,740
EMPLOYMENT	177,270	179,610	174,590
UNEMPLOYMENT	9,330	9,040	9,150
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.0	4.8	5.0
LOWELL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	151,100	149,790	152,880
EMPLOYMENT	145,100	144,220	146,580
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,000	5,570	6,300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.0	3.7	4.1
NEW BEDFORD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	85,550	85,620	87,970
EMPLOYMENT	80,550	80,280	83,360
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,000	5,340	4,620
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.8	6.2	5.2

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	YEAR AGO
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
PITTSFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	39,580	39,100	39,650
EMPLOYMENT	37,910	37,410	38,260
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,670	1,690	1,390
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.2	4.3	3.5
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	145,980	146,200	147,690
EMPLOYMENT	140,540	140,670	142,340
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,440	5,530	5,350
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.7	3.8	3.6
SPRINGFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	243,280	244,070	249,380
EMPLOYMENT	233,110	233,690	240,330
UNEMPLOYMENT	10,170	10,380	9,060
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.2	4.3	3.6
WORCESTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	202,050	203,420	203,950
EMPLOYMENT	194,700	196,130	197,590
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,350	7,290	6,370
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	3.6	3.1
OTHER LABOR AREAS			
AMHERST LMA			
LABOR FORCE	31,890	30,140	30,140
EMPLOYMENT	31,020	29,330	29,380
UNEMPLOYMENT	870	810	770
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.7	2.7	2.5
ATHOL LMA			
LABOR FORCE	9,520	9,630	9,920
EMPLOYMENT	9,020	9,080	9,370
UNEMPLOYMENT	500	560	550
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.3	5.8	5.5
ATTLEBORO LMA			
LABOR FORCE	46,750	46,860	47,020
EMPLOYMENT	44,320	44,280	45,070
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,430	2,570	1,960
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.2	5.5	4.2
BARNSTABLE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	95,700	92,780	96,490
EMPLOYMENT	91,920	88,460	93,170
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,790	4,320	3,320
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.0	4.7	3.4
DUKES COUNTY LMA			
LABOR FORCE	6,380	5,670	6,310
EMPLOYMENT	6,160	5,410	6,130
UNEMPLOYMENT	220	270	170
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.4	4.7	2.7

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	YEAR AGO
	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
GARDNER LMA			
LABOR FORCE	13,980	14,050	14,540
EMPLOYMENT	13,150	13,240	13,790
UNEMPLOYMENT	820	820	740
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.9	5.8	5.1
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	9,140	8,630	9,690
EMPLOYMENT	8,880	8,380	9,460
UNEMPLOYMENT	260	260	230
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	3.0	2.4
GREENFIELD LMA			
LABOR FORCE	23,590	23,510	24,530
EMPLOYMENT	22,890	22,700	23,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	700	800	830
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.0	3.4	3.4
NANTUCKET LMA			
LABOR FORCE	5,710	4,830	5,500
EMPLOYMENT	5,590	4,690	5,410
UNEMPLOYMENT	120	140	90
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.0	2.8	1.7
NORTH ADAMS LMA			
LABOR FORCE	19,110	19,080	20,550
EMPLOYMENT	17,960	17,850	19,480
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,140	1,230	1,070
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	6.0	6.5	5.2
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	12,560	12,460	12,610
EMPLOYMENT	12,000	11,890	12,220
UNEMPLOYMENT	550	570	390
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.4	4.6	3.1
TAUNTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	25,500	25,710	25,970
EMPLOYMENT	24,050	24,160	24,700
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,450	1,550	1,270
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.7	6.0	4.9
WARE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	7,970	7,710	8,820
EMPLOYMENT	7,650	7,380	8,520
UNEMPLOYMENT	320	330	300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.0	4.3	3.4
BALANCE of WESTERN MASS EA			
LABOR FORCE	7,830	7,310	8,030
EMPLOYMENT	7,540	7,020	7,790
UNEMPLOYMENT	290	290	250
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.8	3.9	3.1

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

MAY 1986 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
ABINGTON	7,397	7,112	285	3.9
ACTON	10,040	9,786	254	2.5
ACUSHNET	4,955	4,760	195	3.9
ADAMS	4,833	4,562	271	5.6
AGAWAM	13,400	13,026	374	2.8
ALFORD	233	227	6	2.6
AMESBURY	7,796	7,408	388	5.0
AMHERST	20,737	20,146	591	2.8
ANDOVER	15,048	14,600	448	3.0
ARLINGTON	28,084	27,376	708	2.5
ASHBURNHAM	2,065	1,966	99	4.8
ASHBY	1,120	1,062	58	5.2
ASHFIELD	774	750	24	3.1
ASHLAND	5,847	5,680	167	2.9
ATHOL	4,284	4,057	227	5.3
ATTLEBORO	18,227	17,287	940	5.2
AUBURN	8,078	7,904	174	2.2
AVON	2,961	2,837	124	4.2
AYER	3,631	3,431	200	5.5
BARNSTABLE	18,915	18,249	666	3.5
BARRE	1,984	1,940	44	2.2
BECKET	604	588	16	2.6
BEDFORD	6,987	6,828	159	2.3
BELCHERTOWN	4,086	3,862	224	5.5
BELLINGHAM	7,471	7,139	332	4.4
BELMONT	14,403	14,058	345	2.4
BERKLEY	1,298	1,227	71	5.5
BERLIN	1,244	1,213	31	2.5
BERNARDSTON	889	867	22	2.5
BEVERLY	21,923	21,153	770	3.5
BILLERICA	23,090	22,281	809	3.5
BLACKSTONE	3,143	2,978	165	5.2
BLANDFORD	518	497	21	4.1
BOLTON	1,387	1,356	31	2.2
BOSTON	291,705	277,491	14,214	4.9
BOURNE	7,248	7,033	215	3.0
BOXBOROUGH	2,027	2,013	14	0.7
BOXFORD	2,925	2,864	61	2.1
BOYLSTON	1,949	1,901	48	2.5
BRAINTREE	19,830	19,084	746	3.8
BREWSTER	2,807	2,733	74	2.6
BRIDGEWATER	8,740	8,336	404	4.6
BRIMFIELD	1,076	1,031	45	4.2
BROCKTON	48,727	45,905	2,822	5.8
BROOKFIELD	1,232	1,180	52	4.2
BROOKLINE	33,306	32,425	881	2.6
BUCKLAND	894	877	17	1.9
BURLINGTON	13,844	13,460	384	2.8
CAMBRIDGE	55,822	53,843	1,979	3.5
CANTON	9,994	9,703	291	2.9
CARLISLE	1,822	1,748	74	4.1
CARVER	3,075	2,898	177	5.8
CHARLEMONT	566	542	24	4.2
CHARLTON	3,270	3,116	154	4.7
CHATHAM	3,311	3,253	58	1.8
CHELMSFORD	20,152	19,545	607	3.0
CHELSEA	11,403	10,690	713	6.3
CHESHIRE	1,502	1,441	61	4.1
CHESTER	497	474	23	4.6
CHESTERFIELD	508	483	25	4.9
CHICOPEE	27,105	25,963	1,142	4.2
CHILMARK	356	350	6	1.7
CLARKSBURG	956	894	62	6.5
CLINTON	6,433	6,211	222	3.5
COHASSET	3,723	3,607	116	3.1
COLRAIN	728	719	9	1.2
CONCORD	8,888	8,725	163	1.8
CONWAY	647	634	13	2.0
CUMMINGTON	328	317	11	3.4
DALTON	3,251	3,144	107	3.3
DANVERS	13,955	13,543	412	3.0
DARTMOUTH	13,007	12,429	578	4.4
DEDHAM	14,117	13,689	428	3.0
DEERFIELD	2,511	2,433	78	3.1
DENNIS	6,818	6,629	189	2.8
DIGHTON	2,643	2,476	167	6.3
DOUGLAS	1,793	1,724	69	3.8
DOVER	2,336	2,290	46	2.0
DRACUT	14,050	13,525	525	3.7
DUDLEY	4,586	4,446	140	3.1
DUNSTABLE	1,056	1,022	34	3.2
DUXBURY	5,715	5,509	206	3.6
EAST BRIDGEWATER	5,272	5,013	259	4.9
EAST BROOKFIELD	940	908	32	3.4
EAST LONGMEADOW	6,241	5,967	274	4.4
EASTHAM	2,140	2,031	109	5.1
EASTHAMPTON	8,010	7,812	198	2.5
EASTON	9,258	9,018	240	2.6
EDGARTOWN	1,599	1,553	46	2.9
EGREMONT	835	812	23	2.8
ERVING	539	505	34	6.3
ESSEX	1,681	1,622	59	3.5
EVERETT	19,089	18,050	1,039	5.4
FAIRHAVEN	8,075	7,682	393	4.9
FALL RIVER	42,647	39,337	3,310	7.8
FALMOUTH	14,423	13,820	603	4.2
FITCHBURG	19,564	18,446	1,118	5.7
FLORIDA	358	333	25	7.0
FOXBOROUGH	7,766	7,513	253	3.3
FRAMINGHAM	39,017	38,047	970	2.5
FRANKLIN	9,257	8,881	376	4.1
FREETOWN	3,772	3,596	176	4.7
GARDNER	7,873	7,399	474	6.0
GAY HEAD	137	131	6	4.4
GEORGETOWN	3,257	3,158	99	3.0
GILL	673	653	20	3.0
GLOUCESTER	14,771	13,909	862	5.8
GOSHEN	351	346	5	1.4
GOSNOLD	45	45	0	0.0
GRAFTON	6,064	5,913	151	2.5
GRANBY	2,675	2,556	119	4.4
GRANVILLE	603	584	19	3.2
GREAT BARRINGTON	4,086	3,953	133	3.3
GREENFIELD	8,998	8,690	308	3.4
GROTON	3,317	3,250	67	2.0
GROVELAND	3,018	2,896	122	4.0
HADLEY	3,032	2,976	56	1.8
HALIFAX	2,572	2,456	116	4.5
HAMILTON	3,892	3,808	84	2.2
HAMPDEN	2,224	2,153	71	3.2
HANCOCK	337	312	25	7.4
HANOVER	5,856	5,690	166	2.8
HANSON	4,245	3,981	264	6.2
HARDWICK	921	886	35	3.8
HARVARD	3,123	3,062	61	2.0
HARWICH	4,861	4,608	253	5.2
HATFIELD	2,143	2,074	69	3.2
HAVERHILL	25,448	24,117	1,331	5.2
HAWLEY	132	128	4	3.0
HEATH	227	222	5	2.2
HINGHAM	10,408	9,997	411	3.9
HINSDALE	763	732	31	4.1
HOLBROOK	6,202	5,958	244	3.9
HOLDEN	6,951	6,761	190	2.7
HOLLAND	714	686	28	3.9
HOLLISTON	7,088	6,934	154	2.2
HOLYOKE	18,449	17,491	958	5.2
HOPEDALE	2,013	1,911	102	5.1
HOPKINTON	4,064	3,968	96	2.4
HUBBARDSTON	774	725	49	6.3
HUDSON	9,582	9,331	251	2.6
HULL	4,725	4,425	300	6.3
HUNTINGTON	835	791	44	5.3
IPSWICH	6,283	6,060	223	3.5
KINGSTON	3,741	3,609	132	3.5
LAKEVILLE	2,922	2,783	139	4.8
LANCASTER	3,226	3,131	95	2.9
LANESBOROUGH	1,528	1,453	75	4.9
LAWRENCE	32,161	30,159	2,002	6.2
LEE	2,923	2,800	123	4.2
LEICESTER	4,792	4,620	172	3.6
LENOX	3,181	3,071	110	3.5
LEOMINSTER	17,475	16,794	681	3.9
LEVERETT	1,081	1,056	25	2.3
LEXINGTON	16,932	16,528	404	2.4
LEYDEN	269	259	10	3.7
LINCOLN	3,188	3,100	88	2.8
LITTLETON	3,922	3,825	97	2.5
LONGMEADOW	7,508	7,284	224	3.0
LOWELL	55,622	52,968	2,654	4.8
LUDLOW	9,649	9,327	322	3.3
LUNENBURG	4,358	4,219	139	3.2
LYNN	38,903	37,345	1,558	4.0
LYNNFIELD	5,953	5,815	138	2.3

MAY 1986 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
MALDEN	28,238	27,151	1,087	3.8
MANCHESTER	2,881	2,806	75	2.6
MANSFIELD	7,313	7,145	168	2.3
MARBLEHEAD	11,618	11,211	407	3.5
MARION	1,985	1,846	139	7.0
MARLBOROUGH	17,986	17,517	469	2.6
MARSHFIELD	10,958	10,525	433	4.0
MASHPEE	2,388	2,319	69	2.9
MATTAPOISETT	3,100	2,957	143	4.6
MAYNARD	5,464	5,272	192	3.5
MEDFIELD	5,261	5,146	115	2.2
MEDFORD	31,010	29,887	1,123	3.6
MEDWAY	4,526	4,401	125	2.8
MELROSE	16,222	15,715	507	3.1
MENDON	1,631	1,599	32	2.0
MERRIMAC	2,497	2,390	107	4.3
METHUEN	22,176	21,310	866	3.9
MIDDLEBOROUGH	7,740	7,247	493	6.4
MIDDLEFIELD	176	160	16	9.1
MIDDLETON	2,500	2,417	83	3.3
MILFORD	12,677	12,103	574	4.5
MILLBURY	5,995	5,712	283	4.7
MILLIS	3,727	3,621	106	2.8
MILLVILLE	821	769	52	6.3
MILTON	12,998	12,641	357	2.7
MONROE	74	70	4	5.4
MONSON	3,334	3,204	130	3.9
MONTAGUE	3,935	3,836	99	2.5
MONTEREY	515	504	11	2.1
MONTGOMERY	278	271	7	2.5
MOUNT WASHINGTON	70	69	1	1.4
NAHANT	2,149	2,096	53	2.5
NANTUCKET	5,709	5,594	115	2.0
NATICK	17,213	16,810	403	2.3
NEEDHAM	15,342	14,969	373	2.4
NEW ASHFORD	105	101	4	3.8
NEW BEDFORD	49,033	45,722	3,311	6.8
NEW BRAINTREE	300	292	8	2.7
NEW MARLBOROUGH	668	649	19	2.8
NEW SALEM	302	289	13	4.3
NEWBURY	2,583	2,426	157	6.1
NEWBURYPORT	9,311	8,909	402	4.3
NEWTON	48,026	46,789	1,237	2.6
NORFOLK	2,861	2,785	76	2.7
NORTH ADAMS	8,156	7,536	620	7.6
NORTH ANDOVER	11,390	11,029	361	3.2
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	11,140	10,605	535	4.8
NORTH BROOKFIELD	1,965	1,916	49	2.5
NORTH READING	6,524	6,336	188	2.9
NORTHAMPTON	14,368	13,856	512	3.6
NORTHBOROUGH	5,545	5,445	100	1.8
NORTHBRIDGE	6,128	5,891	237	3.9
NORTHFIELD	1,222	1,192	30	2.5
NORTON	6,949	6,635	314	4.5
NORWELL	4,708	4,610	98	2.1
NORWOOD	17,254	16,778	476	2.8
OAK BLUFFS	1,239	1,173	66	5.3
OAKHAM	423	405	18	4.3
ORANGE	2,574	2,448	126	4.9
ORLEANS	2,921	2,841	80	2.7
OTIS	443	425	18	4.1
OXFORD	5,811	5,524	287	4.9
PALMER	5,762	5,603	159	2.8
PAXTON	2,005	1,980	25	1.2
PEABODY	26,578	25,496	1,082	4.1
PELHAM	781	761	20	2.6
PEMBROKE	6,860	6,523	337	4.9
PEPPERELL	4,778	4,574	204	4.3
PERU	308	294	14	4.5
PETERSHAM	442	433	9	2.0
PHILLIPSTON	411	392	19	4.6
PITTSFIELD	24,392	23,268	1,124	4.6
PLAINFIELD	195	182	13	6.7
PLAINVILLE	3,091	2,938	153	4.9
PLYMOUTH	16,940	15,973	967	5.7
PLYMPTON	976	924	52	5.3
PRINCETON	1,319	1,293	26	2.0
PROVINCETOWN	2,588	2,287	301	11.6
QUINCY	46,853	45,177	1,676	3.6
RANDOLPH	15,906	15,353	553	3.5
RAYNHAM	4,844	4,676	168	3.5
READING	12,880	12,554	326	2.5
REHOBOTH	3,852	3,640	212	5.5
REVERE	22,122	20,936	1,186	5.4
RICHMOND	820	804	16	2.0
ROCHESTER	1,625	1,557	68	4.2
ROCKLAND	8,026	7,591	435	5.4
ROCKPORT	3,067	2,883	184	6.0
ROWE	150	142	8	5.3
ROWLEY	2,346	2,280	66	2.8
ROYALSTON	404	377	27	6.7
RUSSELL	727	704	23	3.2
RUTLAND	2,123	2,064	59	2.8
SALEM	21,598	20,780	818	3.8
SALISBURY	3,234	3,058	176	5.4
SANDISFIELD	358	348	10	2.8
SANDWICH	5,376	5,238	138	2.6
SAUGUS	13,639	13,217	422	3.1
SAVOY	287	258	29	10.1
SCITUATE	9,121	8,807	314	3.4
SEEKONK	6,478	6,104	374	5.8
SHARON	7,575	7,320	255	3.4
SHEFFIELD	1,632	1,591	41	2.5
SHELBURNE	897	876	21	2.3
SHERBORN	2,013	1,992	21	1.0
SHIRLEY	2,576	2,453	123	4.8
SHREWSBURY	12,228	11,880	348	2.8
SHUTESBURY	779	757	22	2.8
SOMERSET	9,902	9,336	566	5.7
SOMERVILLE	42,653	40,962	1,691	4.0
SOUTH HADLEY	8,556	8,274	282	3.3
SOUTHAMPTON	2,142	2,070	72	3.4
SOUTHBOROUGH	3,442	3,355	87	2.5
SOUTHBRIDGE	7,420	7,138	282	3.8
SOUTHWICK	3,720	3,575	145	3.9
SPENCER	5,246	5,073	173	3.3
SPRINGFIELD	66,773	63,218	3,555	5.3
STERLING	2,807	2,756	51	1.8
STOCKBRIDGE	1,220	1,195	25	2.0
STONEHAM	11,895	11,606	289	2.4
STOUGHTON	14,629	14,020	609	4.2
STOW	2,897	2,839	58	2.0
STURBRIDGE	2,841	2,684	157	5.5
SUDBURY	7,416	7,238	178	2.4
SUNDERLAND	2,359	2,299	60	2.5
SUTTON	2,858	2,728	130	4.5
SWAMPSCOTT	7,738	7,527	211	2.7
SWANSEA	7,818	7,394	424	5.4
TAUNTON	21,558	20,347	1,211	5.6
TEMPLETON	2,470	2,348	122	4.9
TEWKSBURY	15,345	14,798	547	3.6
TISBURY	2,212	2,124	88	4.0
TOLLAND	129	119	10	7.8
TOPSFIELD	3,030	2,967	63	2.1
TOWNSEND	3,684	3,586	98	2.7
TRURO	812	730	82	10.1
TYNGSBOROUGH	3,745	3,638	107	2.9
TYRINGHAM	206	202	4	1.9
UPTON	2,078	2,028	50	2.4
UXBRIDGE	4,225	4,001	224	5.3
WAKEFIELD	13,953	13,469	484	3.5
WALES	504	464	40	7.9
WALPOLE	10,083	9,794	289	2.9
WALTHAM	33,672	32,753	919	2.7
WARE	3,669	3,494	175	4.8
WAREHAM	9,993	9,419	574	5.7
WARREN	1,432	1,386	46	3.2
WARWICK	226	215	11	4.9
WASHINGTON	288	272	16	5.6
WATERTOWN	20,672	20,122	550	2.7
WAYLAND	6,868	6,727	141	2.1
WEBSTER	6,975	6,643	332	4.8
WELLESLEY	14,250	13,865	385	2.7
WELLFLEET	1,221	1,149	72	5.9
WENDELL	336	303	33	9.8
WENHAM	2,118	2,076	42	2.0
WEST BOYLSTON	3,241	3,153	88	2.7
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3,351	3,196	155	4.6

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City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
WEST BROOKFIELD	1,222	1,186	36	2.9
WEST NEWBURY	1,603	1,507	96	6.0
WEST SPRINGFIELD	14,139	13,736	403	2.9
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	740	723	17	2.3
WEST TISBURY	789	782	7	0.9
WESTBOROUGH	7,656	7,457	199	2.6
WESTFIELD	17,308	16,569	739	4.3
WESTFORD	8,354	8,124	230	2.8
WESTHAMPTON	631	621	10	1.6
WESTMINSTER	2,630	2,570	60	2.3
WESTON	5,833	5,776	57	1.0
WESTPORT	6,785	6,306	479	7.1
WESTWOOD	7,147	7,016	131	1.8
WEYMOUTH	30,825	29,635	1,190	3.9
WHATELY	982	951	31	3.2
WHITMAN	7,186	6,954	232	3.2
WILBRAHAM	5,994	5,800	194	3.2
WILLIAMSBURG	1,264	1,213	51	4.0
WILLIAMSTOWN	4,075	3,967	108	2.7
WILMINGTON	9,270	8,936	334	3.6
WINCHENDON	2,858	2,679	179	6.3
WINCHESTER	11,045	10,803	242	2.2
WINDSOR	309	302	7	2.3
WINTHROP	10,999	10,596	403	3.7
WOBURN	21,223	20,732	491	2.3
WORCESTER	77,852	74,558	3,294	4.2
WORTHINGTON	473	457	16	3.4
WRENTHAM	3,396	3,278	118	3.5
YARMOUTH	9,879	9,576	303	3.1

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS[1]
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS	INITIAL CLAIMS			CONTINUED CLAIMS[2]		
	MAY 86	APR 86	MAY 85	MAY 86	APR 86	MAY 85
MASSACHUSETTS	7,330	5,129	9,563	54,784	61,606	54,228
MAJOR LABOR AREAS						
BOSTON PMSA	4,085	1,733	3,491	23,183	25,405	22,317
BROCKTON PMSA	393	163	271	2,060	2,081	1,748
FALL RIVER PMSA[3]	771	553	954	3,912	3,736	3,218
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA	129	100	201	1,104	1,202	1,026
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA[4]	401	402	837	3,516	3,867	3,341
LOWELL PMSA[4]	346	188	890	2,340	2,732	2,478
NEW BEDFORD MSA	425	416	626	2,761	3,535	3,294
PITTSFIELD MSA	84	68	96	838	1,014	731
SPRINFIELD MSA	269	341	584	2,602	2,952	2,794
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA	454	488	563	5,146	5,743	5,294
WORCESTER MSA	384	380	484	3,468	3,797	3,336
OTHER LABOR AREAS						
AMHERST LMA	13	15	19	147	168	151
ATHOL LMA	24	16	36	221	288	304
BARNSTABLE COUNTY LMA	134	89	137	1,499	2,451	1,435
BALANCE OF WESTERN MA EA	10	9	11	99	114	97
DUKES COUNTY LMA	7	5	8	83	149	72
GARDNER LMA	53	25	72	441	502	443
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA	11	9	13	110	133	97
GREENFIELD LMA	28	24	45	275	388	445
NANTUCKET LMA	4	3	4	45	81	40
NORTH ADAMS LMA	65	36	73	530	715	666
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA	30	48	33	259	269	217
TAUNTON LMA	117	149	139	774	900	804
WARE LMA	14	17	20	164	183	162

1 - Week that includes the 12th
2 - Includes regular compensation not extended compensation
3 - Includes Rhode Island residents of PMSA
4 - Includes New Hampshire residents of PMSA

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment. Includes all workers who worked full or part-time or who received vacation pay, holiday pay or sick leave pay directly from the employer for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded are workers in most agricultural industries as well as those in forestry, fisheries and international government. Also excluded are self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households.

Benchmark. A reasonably complete count of employment at a specified period of time, usually the first quarter of the year. The principal sources of benchmark data for the CES Program are tabulations of employment reported by establishments covered by the Massachusetts Employment Security Law and by Federal government agencies covered by Federal U.I. Law. These principal sources are supplemented for those nonagricultural jobs not covered by U.I. (e.g., religious, students employed by the institution attended).

Establishment. An establishment is an economic unit which produces goods or services, generally at a single physical location, and is engaged in only one type of activity.

Labor Force. The sum of the employed and unemployed living in the area (total employment plus total unemployment).

Total Employment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did any work at all, in any area, for pay or profit during the week of the month including the 12th or who had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute or other reasons which does not reflect a shortage of work.

Total Unemployment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did no work at all, in any area, during the week of the month including the 12th, but who were looking for work or awaiting recall from layoff or beginning a new job within the next 30 days.

Unemployment Rate. Unemployment expressed as a percent of the labor force.

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